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The English Lakes. With Bathymetrical Maps and Illustrations. By Hugh Robert Mill, D.Sc., F.R.S.E. 8vo. London, 1895.

(*From "The Geographical Journal" for July and August, 1895.*)

Dr. Mill's paper was read before the Royal Geographical Society in June, 1894, and an abstract, accompanied by a discussion, appeared in the *Geographical Journal* for September, 1894.*

The lakes surveyed lie within a circle of 30 miles in diameter, in the famous Lake District of north-western England. Geographically, the district may be described as an elevated land, highest in the centre and furrowed by a series of valleys running from the centre toward the circumference, like the spokes of a wheel. Most of the valleys contain long, narrow lakes, differing in type from the small, round mountain tarns of the district. Until Dr. Mill's survey was undertaken, there had been no attempt to construct definite maps of the basins. Some of the results obtained were printed in tabular form in the BULLETIN of September 30, 1894.†

The largest lakes, Windermere and Ullswater, are divided into distinct basins. In the former, the deep and wide upper part is separated by the island-shoal off Bowness from the narrower and more shallow lower basin; while in Ullswater each of the three reaches of the lake is marked off by a bar. Three of the lakes, Wastwater, Windermere and Coniston, descend below sea-level.

Dr. Mill's paper, which is of permanent value, is illustrated by a general map of the District, on a scale of 3 miles to an inch, 7 other maps on a scale of 2 inches to a mile, and 20 illustrations, mostly from photographs. Each map is accompanied by sections, and shows, besides the lake surroundings, the land contours from the Ordnance Survey. All the maps are carefully tinted.

The Discovery of Australia. A Critical, Documentary and Historic Investigation concerning the Priority of Discovery in Australasia by Europeans before the arrival of Lieut. James Cook, in the "Endeavour," in the year 1770. With Illustrations, Charts, Maps,

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* Not 1895, as the Preface reads.

† Journal of the American Geographical Society, Vol. XXVI, p. 394.